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MEMORANDUM FOR: Karl D. Ackerman
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
Department of State

STATINTL FROM:

Chairman

SUBJECT: Nomination of Chairman for Security
Advisory Group USSR

Your nomination of Mr. Maclyn H. Musser as replacement for Mr. Verne St. Mars as Chairman of the Security Advisory Group USSR is most welcome and accepted.

Mac has been known to many of us for many years in many different dimensions of security work. Our relationship has always been first rate and we have commended the Department on having such outstanding officers. I agree with you completely that he is eminently well qualified to head the Security Advisory Group. I will endorse his nomination most positively at the next meeting of the Security Committee, and I believe that Mac's excellent reputation will gain for us his unanimous acceptance.

Thank you for your proposal.

I would like to add that I am personally sorry that Verne is leaving us. He too has a long and strong association over the years and, while I wish him the very best in the future in all endeavors, I feel we will be the poorer for his absence. Please express my thanks to him for his hard work and excellent results as Chairman of the group.

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TO:
Chairman, Security Committee
Central Intelligence Agency

FROM: Karl D. Ackerman *KDA*
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Security

SUBJECT: Nomination of Chairman for Special
Advisory Group, U.S.S.R.

As you probably know, Verne St. Mars plans to retire in August of this year. Verne has chaired the SAG Subcommittee since its inception, and is desirous of turning over the reins of control of the important work of his group to a successor at an early date.

I would like to propose for your consideration the nomination of Maclyn H. Musser as Verne's replacement. Mac, as you may know, is a senior (FSRU-2) level security engineer. He heads SY's Technical Services Division for several years; served as the OIC, of SY's engineering services centers in Manila and Frankfurt; and spent several years assigned to Embassy, Moscow, as our Security Engineering Officer. He has just completed a year of systems training at MIT, and it is my intent to assign him to the Moscow project on a full-time basis. STATINTL

Given his broad technical background and his intimacy with the microwave and other of our security programs and concerns in Moscow, I believe that Mac is eminently well qualified to head the SAG Subcommittee.

Your early response to this proposal is solicited.

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